

Tetbury & District u3a

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PRE-AGM EDITION

AGM to be held on 19th November at 11.00am

The Steering Committee is committed to making information about the Zoomed AGM on 19th November as accessible as possible. Everything you need to know is on our web site: <https://tetburyu3a.org.uk>.

It will be helpful to know in advance how many members intend to be virtually present as we are required by the Constitution to be quorate, at least for our first attempt at holding the meeting. Advanced questions can be submitted on the attendance form; all attendees will be asked to mute.

The attendance form also includes the opportunity to volunteer to join the elected committee; tick the box and download a nomination form from the website: <https://tetburyu3a.org.uk> You'll need to be proposed and seconded by current members. If you need help with this, please email any committee member: <https://tetburyu3a.org.uk/contact/>

Online voting will take place using Zoom Poll; a 'pop up' window will appear on your device screen and you will be asked to click a 'Yes' or 'No' box.

It will be possible to vote even if you are not able to be virtually present; tick the box on the <https://tetburyu3a.org.uk> website attendance form if you wish to do this, by 12th November.

All forms/nominations/questions must be delivered to the address on the form or sent to <mailto:chair@tetburyu3a.org.uk> by 12th November. The Zoom link will then be sent to all members so that you may join the meeting. Everyone will have to be admitted individually so please allow a few minutes before 11.00am when the meeting starts for this to happen.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

It is increasingly likely that next year's early season talks will have to take place via Zoom. Most speakers are now highly proficient with the technology and happy to entertain us that way. They are still paid, of course, but we save on the cost of their travel and venue hire which makes it possible to offer the donation to charity which speakers often collect from the audience on exit and on which so many organisations depend to continue their work.

GROUPS

It was good while it lasted and who knows what lies ahead. We have to rewrite our diaries for the next four weeks at least. **The new rules state that we may not meet face-to-face in groups, inside or outside, so all actual activities have to be suspended.** Virtual Zoom meetings, of course, may continue.

BOULES has come to the end of its 2020 season. The group members were planning to toast their success with wine and chocolates in the sorry absence of a welcoming pub!

SHORT WALKS has successfully completed 10 walks since lockdown ended, most recently from The Trouble House to Ashley where the group was invited to view the C12th church, pictured.



The group leader has provided the following information: *Walking is an outdoor activity, exempt from the Rule of Six in accordance with national guidance. We walk in two groups of 6, separated by 2-3 minutes. The groups are shown either side of the church door and the two standing together are husband and wife.*

PLAY READING. The live reading of The Black Pit will not now be taking place on 22nd November. It is hoped it will be rescheduled for the new year. If you already hold tickets, check with the Goods Shed website for further information: <https://shed-arts.co.uk>

The readings of Pygmalion in November are cancelled but Stephanie and Jeremy are writing a short 40 minute play for reading on Zoom on 30th November at 2pm. Any Tetbury u3a member may join in to test Play Reading; just ask the leader for the link and any help you might need to use Zoom: <mailto:jeremy@jeremynorth.com>

Please keep your news coming: <mailto:newsletter@tetburyu3a.org.uk>

Caroline and Judith